

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

The Inter-State Commerce Bill as Passed by the Senate is the One Favored by Railroad Companies.

The Grumbling About the Proper Slices of "Pork" Continues in the House.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

The Senate.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported the credentials of Mr. Everts, the newly elected Senator from New York, had been found defective, not being signed by the Governor nor countersigned by the Secretary of State, while the detailed proceedings of the Legislature, which are furnished, are not necessary. The credentials and report were laid on the table, Mr. Hoar saying the deficiency would doubtless be supplied before Mr. Everts should begin his services.

A resolution, offered by Mr. Hill, was agreed to, calling on the Secretary of the Interior to communicate to the Senate the reports of Inspectors Hoff and Green, of the General Land Office, on the subject of fraudulent titles to lands in New Mexico, and the correspondence thereto relating.

A resolution, offered by Mr. Cockrell, was agreed to, calling on the Postmaster General to explain why certain statements had been erased from the documentary history of the railway mail service, recently sent to the Senate.

The Senate then on motion resumed consideration of the Inter-State Commerce bill. Mr. Van Wyck moved to modify the section that provided for the payment of the necessary expenses of the Commission so as to cover only the necessary traveling expenses. He said there had been so much scandal in connection with the expenses of Commissioners, etc., and the Treasury Department had been so liberal that he (Van Wyck) thought an addition to the section of the words suggested was desirable.

When the question had been put, the presiding officer (Mr. Frye), after the usual pause, remarked: "The Chair has not heard any Senator vote either 'aye' or 'no,' and is therefore in doubt." This brought a full vote, which was unanimous for Van Wyck's motion.

The bill having been perfected, it was reported to the Senate from the Committee of the Whole, read a third time and passed—yeas 43; nays 12. The vote in detail:

Ayes—Aldrich, Allison, Blair, Call, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chase, Conger, Callom, Dawes, Dolph, Edmunds, Frye, Groome, Hampton, Harris, Harrison, Hawley, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Jackson, Jones, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Lamar, Lypham, McMillan, Manderson, Miller of California, Miller of New York, Mitchell, Merrill, Pike, Platt, Plumb, Pugh, Riddleberger, Sawyer, Sewell, Sherman, Slater, Vest and Wilson—43.

Nays—Bayard, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Colquitt, McPherson, Maxey, Morgan, Pendleton, Salisbury, Vance and Van Wyck—12.

The Senate then took the bill to retire the silver trade dollar.

This gave rise to considerable debate regarding silver generally, and whether the Government was bound to redeem the trade dollar at its face value. The debate on the bill then closed for the day. It will be unfinished business to-morrow.

Mr. Blair made two unsuccessful attempts during the day to secure the consideration of the anti-foreign contract bill.

After executive session the Senate adjourned.

The House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The morning hour was wasted in fruitless attempts to call up and dispose of private measures.

Mr. Atkinson, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, reported the bill for the survey of a water route to connect Lake Michigan with the Detroit River. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Mutchler, from the Committee on Civil Service Reform, reported adversely the bill prohibiting the removal of Union soldiers or dependent relatives in the Civil Service, except for cause. Placed on House calendar.

Mr. Willard obtained permission to file the minority report heretofore.

Mr. Money, from the Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads, reported the bill to reduce the postage on mailable matter of the second class. Placed on House calendar.

[It provides that postage on publications of the second class, when sent by the publisher to bona fide subscribers, shall be 1 cent a pound or fraction thereof.]

A session was ordered for to-night, and then the House went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Hammond in the chair, on the River and Harbor bill.

Mr. King defended the appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi River, and favored the levee system.

Mr. White, of Kentucky, thought the pending bill contained a larger percentage of appropriations for trout streams than it did in the bill of 1882, which was vetoed, and which had so much to do with bringing the Democratic party into power.

Mr. Hoar, while conceding the bill had been carefully prepared, he thought Congress should stop dumping money into the Galveston harbor until it knew what it was about.

Mr. McAdoo opposed the Galveston project. It was giving Captain Eads a harbor to do what he liked with, and the United States Treasury to pay him for doing it. Another scheme in the bill was the building of a harbor of refuge, at Sandy Bay, Mass., and the establishment of an oceanic Yellowstone Park. In the shadow of these big schemes there were numerous small schemes. He instanced the appropriation for the improvement of the Wateree River, which was nothing but a lumber yard. The engineer said it was a net work of logs, and he thought it more advisable to make an appropriation for an engine to be kept in readiness for a fire.

Mr. Belford, who made his first appearance in the House to-day, and who was applauded as he took the floor, offered an amendment directing the appointment of a commission to make surveys for the construction of reservoirs to be used in irrigating the public lands in California. He said the only objection to the bill was that the allies of pork were not sufficiently large. The amendment was ruled out on a point of order.

In speaking to a verbal amendment, J. S. Wise, of Virginia, opposed the proposition to set aside the Mississippi River Commission, and place the whole work in the hands of Captain Eads, whose plans were at best problematical. It not only ignored, but insulted the engineer department of the Government. The proposition to make the fortune of one man by incorporating his name in a great National measure, to the exclusion of a department of the Government,

in its boldness and audacity surpassed anything he had ever witnessed in the House. The committee then rose and took a recess until 8 p. m.

Student Arbitration at Harvard.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Harvard College faculty, by an almost unanimous vote, passed a motion to have a conference between a committee of the faculty and a committee of the students in the near future. The first conference will be merely to settle the question whether it shall be advisable for the students to co-operate with the faculty in college matters, and, if advisable, to determine the best way to get a satisfactory representation of students. Each class will elect four of its members for the first conference. This committee of sixteen will meet Professors Shaler, Gurney and Palmer, and Messrs. Wendell and Croswell, of the faculty committee. The problem will be to determine the best means of student representation. It has been proved practically impossible for the faculty to agree on the student committee, for when attempted every one was dissatisfied with every one else's list. The only way is to have satisfactory elections come from above. The faculty, and to give power to the joint committee to expel any member not efficient. The faculty, of course, will have power to veto. The theory of student arbitration has been carried on successfully in other colleges, and different members of faculty are very sanguine of a satisfactory result at Harvard.

General Grant a Sick Man.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—Mr. George W. Childs, publisher of the Public Ledger, and an intimate friend of General Grant, has been expecting the General to pay him a visit at his home in this city, and several social entertainments have been arranged for him in the shape of dinners, breakfasts, receptions, etc. Mr. Childs, however, received a letter from the General, stating that his physician has positively prohibited his leaving New York until the weather becomes warmer. The General adds: "I am feeling quite well, except a soreness at the root of the tongue and the tonsil over it, which causes me great pain in talking, and especially when I attempt to swallow water. I have not smoked a cigar since the 20th of November." Mr. Childs says that General Grant is undoubtedly a very sick man, though he is not one to complain, and bears his sufferings with the courage and fortitude for which he is noted.

Clash of Authorities.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Yesterday, Mr. Haines, Speaker of the Illinois Assembly, issued a notice to County Clerk Ryan, of Cook County, to produce before him the ballots cast in the Sixth Legislative District. This includes the Second Precinct of the Eighteenth Ward, where the alleged frauds were committed in the Leman-Brandt Senatorial count.

Judge Blaggett, in the United States District Court, this morning, issued an order directing Ryan to not disturb the ballots now held under the seal of the Federal Court and held as evidence against the persons indicted for the alleged election frauds. Ryan is undecided as to his course.

The Panama Insurrection.

SANTA CRUZ VIA GALVESTON, Feb. 4.—The recent revolutionary disturbances on the isthmus of Panama were mainly confined to local political parties, causing serious trouble to all foreign interests here and abroad. The United States Government promptly protested against any unjust interference with foreign affairs by local authorities. Consequently all censurings and restrictions have been removed. The prompt and effective action of the United States meets with general approval.

An Oyster-Dragger Murdered.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—At an early hour this morning Jacob Burk, aged thirty-five, an oyster-dragger, was shot and killed at Canton. Louis Demysey, seen running from the place where Burk was found was arrested as the murderer.

A Bankrupt Suicide.

COSHOCTON, O., Feb. 4.—J. C. Lockard, a prominent merchant of Avondale, O., who was closed by the Sheriff last week committed suicide last night by cutting his throat with a butcher knife.

The Third Call.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 4.—S. S. Merrill, General Manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, suffered a third stroke of paralysis last night, and is in a critical condition.

Five Years in Jail.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 4.—Wm. S. Kirker, exteller of the Second National Bank, Ironton, convicted of having made false entries to cover deficits, was sentenced to-day to five years imprisonment in the Dayton jail.

Harness.

Those who prefer to have the finest finish on their harness after it is oiled can have it by following these directions: After you have saturated the leather with as much oil as it will readily absorb, sponge off the harness with a thick lather made of castle soap, and when dry follow in the same manner with a solution of gum tragacanth, of which take half an ounce and boil down with two quarts of water to three half pints. While boiling stir the contents freely, as the gum is apt to set to the bottom of the vessel in which it is boiled; and when it is nearly or quite cool dip in the harness, for if laid on too thick it is apt to crack and prove quite unsatisfactory.

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